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SUBJECT: IMO CANDIDACY DEMARCHE DELIVERED; KAZAKHSTAN LIKELY TO SUPPORT U.S.

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¶1. On November 16, Econoff delivered Reftel demarche and talking points on the United States' candidacy for Category A membership in the International Maritime organization (IMO) to Baurzhan Sarsenbekov of the International Relations Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

¶2. Sarsenbekov told Econoff that the GOK was still preparing its instructions to its delegation on whom to support in the IMO membership elections, but that a positive decision on supporting the United States' candidacy is practically assured. The Embassy sees no reason to doubt that Kazakhstan will support the U.S. candidacy.

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